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1. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION ON RELATIONSHIP
OF 1976 SURPLUS TO 1978 BUDGET. REF A INDICATED 1976
ACCOUNTS SHOWED "UNENCUMBERED FAVORABLE BALANCE OF SWISS
FRANCS 637,191 IN THE EXPENDITURES BUDGET." ON THAT BASIS,
WE AUTHORIZED SUPPORT FOR TRANSFERS OF FUNDS (PARA 8,
REF B) AND STATED THAT WE EXPECTED SURPLUS TO BE APPLIED
TO FUTURE ASSESSMENTS. PARA 8 REF C INDICATED THAT THE
SECRETARIAT'S INTENTION WAS TO APPLY THE SURPLUS TO 1978
ASSESSMENTS.

2. WE NOW FIND, UPON EXAMINATION OF 1978 BUDGET ESTIMATES
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(REF D) THAT NO MENTION OF THAT SURPLUS IS MADE. WE NOTE
IN ADDITION, THAT REF E HAS CHARGED THAT SURPLUS--AND
OTHER FUNDS--TO 1976 AND 1977 INCOME AND TO RATHER LARGE
PROVISION FOR 1976 CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM SECRETARIAT ON
DISPOSITION OF SPECIFIC 1976 SURPLUS OF SWF 637,191.

SPECIFICALLY, WHY IS THAT SURPLUS NOT BEING SET OFF AGAINST

1978 ASSESSMENTS AS WE HAD UNDERSTOOD. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT ALL FUNDS COME ULTIMATLEY FROM THE SAME SOURCES
REGARDLESS OF WHEN ASSESSED AND CHARGED, BUT THE PRESENT
MANIPULATIONS INDICATED REF E MAKE GATT BUDGET SITUATION
LESS TRANSPARENT THAN WE WOULD LIKE. CHRISTOPHER

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